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SUBJECT: Request for speaker program for Dr. Samuel Coale in Jordan

REF: HATTAR-SCOTT E-mails

1. Summary: Embassy Amman would like to request IIP's assistance in recruiting Dr. Samuel Coale of Wheaton College for three program days during the period December 2-6, 2005, to address students and scholars at Jordanian institutions. The speaker's lectures will include: a lecture with Political Science and American Studies students and professors at the American Corner at the University of Jordan, a round-table discussion at the Center for Strategic Studies with members and contacts of the Center, a lecture at the Center for Protection and Freedom of Journalists with Jordanian journalists and writers and a lecture for Political Science students at Yarmouk University in Irbid.

2. The topics of the lectures would be based mainly on the current state of American Studies, including a discussion of his recent publication on conspiracy theories in contemporary history, "Paradigms of Paranoia: The Culture of Conspiracy in Contemporary America," as a launching point for a discussion on how to recognize irresponsible theories and combat them, using a comparative approach.

3. We understand that the costs of this program will be shared by both hosting regional posts.

4. The program officer will be PDO Steve Ramirez, Tel: 962-6-590-6289, Fax: 962-6-592-0121, E-mail: RamirezJS@state.gov and Cultural Affairs Assistant Ruba Hattar, Tel: 962-6-590-6050, Fax: 962-6-0121, E-mail: hattarrh@state.gov

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